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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

PEDRO FONTANES,

Case No. 1:16-CV-4618

Plaintiff,

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**ANSWER** 

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LI XING INC. d/b/a Szechuan Gourmet, and CENTURY TOWER LLC,

Defendants.

Defendant, Century Tower, LLC, by its attorney, Paul W. Siegert, as and for its Answer to the Complaint, alleges as follows:

- 1. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "1".
- 2. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "2".

- 3. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "3".
- 4. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "4".
- 5. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "5".
- 6. Admits that the limited liability company has an office at 35 Jernee Drive, East Brunswick, NJ 08816.
- 7. Denies and admits as above the allegations incorporated by reference in paragraph "7".
- 8. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "8" except admits that the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et. seq., is a comprehensive civil rights statute prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability.
- 9. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "9" except admits that the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et. seq., is a comprehensive civil rights statute prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability.
- 10. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "10" except admits that the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et. seq., is a comprehensive civil rights statute prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability.

- 11. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "11" except admits that the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et. seq., is a comprehensive civil rights statute prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability.
- 12. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "12" except admits that the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et. seq., is a comprehensive civil rights statute prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability.
- 13. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "13" except admits that the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et. seq., is a comprehensive civil rights statute prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability.
- 14. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "14" except admits that the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, *et. seq.*, is a comprehensive civil rights statute prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability.
- 15. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "15" except admits that the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, *et. seq.*, is a comprehensive civil rights statute prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability.
- 16. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "16" except admits that the Americans with

Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et. seq., is a comprehensive civil rights statute prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability.

- 17. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "17" except admits that the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, *et. seq.*, is a comprehensive civil rights statute prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability.
- 18. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "18" except admits that the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, *et. seq.*, is a comprehensive civil rights statute prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability.
- 19. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "19" except admits that the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et. seq., is a comprehensive civil rights statute prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability.
- 20. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "20" except admits that the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et. seq., is a comprehensive civil rights statute prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability.
- 21. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "21" as to plaintiff visiting the premises as a customer and further denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations of noncompliance.

- 22. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "22".
- 23. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "23".
- 24. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "24".
- 25. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "25".
- 26. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "26".
- 27. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph "27" insofar as defendant has (wilfully) discriminated and (intends) to continue to discriminate.
- 28. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "28".
- 29. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "29".
- 30. Denies and admits as above the allegations incorporated by reference in paragraph "30".
- 31. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "31" except admits that the New York State Human Rights Law (N.Y.Exec. Law § 296(2)(a)) is in existence and respectfully invites this Court's attention to said statute at the time of trial to determine the import and signficance

thereof.

- 32. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "32" except admits that the New York State Human Rights Law (N.Y.Exec. Law § 296(2)(a)) is in existence and respectfully invites this Court's attention to said statute at the time of trial to determine the import and significance thereof and further denies that this defendant has *wilfully* refused to remove barriers.
- 33. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "33" except admits that the New York State Human Rights Law (N.Y.Exec. Law § 296(2)(a)) is in existence and respectfully invites this Court's attention to said statute at the time of trial to determine the import and signficance thereof.
- 34. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "34" except admits that the New York State Human Rights Law (N.Y.Exec. Law § 296(2)(a)) is in existence and respectfully invites this Court's attention to said statute at the time of trial to determine the import and significance thereof.
- 35. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "35" except admits that Li Xing Inc. is the lessee of the premises.
- 36. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "36" except admits that Century Tower LLC is the building owner.

- 37. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph "37".
- 38. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "38" except admits that the New York State Human Rights Law (N.Y.Exec. Law § 297(9)) is in existence and respectfully invites this Court's attention to said statute at the time of trial to determine the import and significance thereof.
- 39. Denies and admits as above the allegations incorporated by reference in paragraph "39".
- 40. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "40" except admits that the New York City Human Rights Law (N.Y.C. Admin Code § 8-107(4)(a)) is in existence and respectfully invites this Court's attention to said statute at the time of trial to determine the import and signficance thereof.
- 41. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "41" except admits that the New York City Human Rights Law (N.Y.C. Admin Code § 8-502(a)) is in existence and respectfully invites this Court's attention to said statute at the time of trial to determine the import and significance thereof.
- 42. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "42" except admits that the New York City Human Rights Law (N.Y.C. Admin Code § 8-102(9)) is in existence and respectfully invites this Court's attention to said statute at the time of trial to determine the import and signficance thereof.

- 43. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "43" except admits that the New York City Human Rights Law (N.Y.C. Admin Code § 8-502(g)) is in existence and respectfully invites this Court's attention to said statute at the time of trial to determine the import and signficance thereof.
- 44. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "44".
  - 45. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph "45".
- 46. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "46" except admits that the New York City Human Rights Law (N.Y.C. Admin Code § 8-502(a)) is in existence and respectfully invites this Court's attention to said statute at the time of trial to determine the import and significance thereof.
- 47. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "47" except admits that the New York City Human Rights Law (N.Y.C. Admin Code § 8-502(g)) is in existence and respectfully invites this Court's attention to said statute at the time of trial to determine the import and signficance thereof.
- 48. Denies and admits as above the allegations incorporated by reference in paragraph "48".
- 49. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "49" except admits that the New York Civil Rights

Law (N.Y. Civil Rights Law § 40-c(2)) is in existence and respectfully invites this Court's attention to said statute at the time of trial to determine the import and significance thereof.

- 50. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "50" except admits that the New York Civil Rights Law (N.Y. Civil Rights Law § 40-d) is in existence and respectfully invites this Court's attention to said statute at the time of trial to determine the import and significance thereof.
  - 51. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph "51".
- 52. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "52" except admits that the New York Civil Rights Law (N.Y. Civil Rights Law § 40-d) is in existence and respectfully invites this Court's attention to said statute at the time of trial to determine the import and significance thereof.
- 53. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to the allegations contained in paragraph "53".

WHEREFORE, this answering defendant demands judgment dismissing the complaint together with the costs and disbursements of this action.

Dated:

New York, New York September 19, 2016

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